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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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TAGS: SHUM, AR

SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF RAYMUNDO GLEYZER

REF: BUENOS AIRES 3848

1. THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO RECEIVE PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES REGARDING THE CASE OF RAYMUNDO GLEYZER, MOSTLY ON BEHALF OF THE "EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO DEFEND LATIN AMERICAN FILMMAKERS." RECENT INQUIRIES REFER TO THE REPORT ISSUED BY SANFORD KATZ FOLLOWING HIS FIVE-DAY VISIT TO ARGENTINA TO LOOK INTO THE GLEYZER CASE. KATZ SAYS HE VISITED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, WHERE HE SAYS HE WAS TOLD THAT THE EMBASSY HAD PREPARED A REPORT INDICATING THAT "MR. GLEYZER HAD PERMITTED CHILEAN REFUGEES TO USE HIS HOME IN HIS ABSENCE AND THAT HE HAD GIVEN HIS SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO FILM WORK ABROAD IN OPPOSITION TO THE CHILEAN JUNTA." KATZ SAYS THE EMBASSY ARRANGED FOR HIM TO MEET PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY RICARDO YOFRE, WHO "DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF OR CONTROL OVER THE FATE OF MR. GLEYZER." HE SAYS THE EMBASSY'S QUERIES TO TWO FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS RECEIVED A SIMILAR NEGATIVE RESPONSE.

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2. SEVERAL INQUIRERS HAVE SEEN OR HEARD OF A LETTER SAID

TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY AN ARGENTINE NOW RESIDING IN LIMA STATING THAT GLEYZER IS BEING HELD IN "THE SPECIAL TORTURE CAMP IN THE VICINITY OF THE AUTOPISTA GENERAL RICHIERI AND THE CAMINO DE CINTURA (NEAR THE EZEIZA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN BUENOS)."

3. DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING GLEYZER FURTHER TO THAT REPORTED IN REFTEL? THE DEPARTMENT HAS SEEN NO REPORT, FROM THE EMBASSY OR ANY OTHER SOURCE, INDICATING THAT GLEYZER HAD BEEN SUPPORTING FILM WORK IN OPPOSITION TO THE CHILEAN JUNTA.

4. THE DEPARTMENT IS POUCHING TO THE EMBASSY A COPY OF THE KATZ REPORT, THE SUBSTANTIVE POINTS OF WHICH ARE OUTLINED IN PARA. 1 ABOVE. KISSINGER

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